

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 12—1 Timothy 4:12-16— Eight Excellent Mandates for Young Timothy (and you too!)

1. (a) What word do you notice that is repeated in 1 Timothy 4:12-16? (b) Why do you think Paul emphasizes this often in 1 Timothy? (c) How would you summarize chapter four of 1 Timothy?
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2. Memorize 1 Timothy 4:12 *or* 16.
3. (a) Paul instructs Timothy to pay attention to reading in 1 Timothy 4:13. This would be in reference to the public reading of scriptures in the worship service. What was the result of the public reading of God's Word in the following passages? Exodus 24:7; Deuteronomy 31:11-13; 2 Kings 23:1-3; Nehemiah 8 and 9; Luke 4:16-22. (b) Why do you think churches don't do this today? (c) What do you think would happen if your pastor read a book of the bible in your worship service?
4. (a) What is the significance of the laying on of the hands in Numbers 27:15-23; Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 6:4, 5; Acts 6:1-6; 8:17; 13:1-3 and 2 Timothy 1:6? (b) With these passages in mind, what do you think Paul is referring to in 1 Timothy 4:14?
5. (a) What are the six things that Paul wants Timothy to be an example in for other believers according to 1 Timothy 4:12? (b) What six things do you think are imperative for a believer to live out before others?
6. Are you taking heed to yourself and what you believe? Are you doing your part to make sure you continue in the faith? In what ways are you pressing on towards the goal?
7. How can you be a better example to other believers? Please put your answer in a prayer request.